

**Introduced by Senator Aanestad**February 20, 2004

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An act to amend Sections 1631 and 1632 of, to amend and renumber Section 1632.5 of, and to repeal Sections 1633 and 1633.5 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1865, as introduced, Aanestad. Dentists: licensing: examinations.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensing and regulation of dentists and associated professions by the Dental Board of California. Existing law requires an applicant for a license to practice dentistry to pass a written examination on subjects prescribed by the board, and to also pass a clinical examination.

This bill would authorize the board to contract with a national, regional, or local entity to administer the clinical examination. The bill would make other related changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1631 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 1631. The subjects in which the applicant shall be examined
- 4 shall be those subjects as the board may from time to time
- 5 prescribe. However, the subjects of examination shall be selected
- 6 in accordance with the trend of dental education in California as
- 7 that trend is determined, from time to time by the curricula of the



1 dental colleges in California approved by the *Dental Board of*  
2 ~~Dental Examiners~~ *California*, and no examination shall be given  
3 on any subject which is not then, at the time of the determination,  
4 being currently taught in those approved dental colleges. In the  
5 event of any changes in the list of examination subjects, all  
6 approved dental schools in the United States shall be notified, by  
7 the executive officer of the board, at least two years in advance of  
8 the effective date of any change or changes in subjects. Each  
9 applicant, at the time of filing of application to take any  
10 examination hereunder, shall be given a list of the subjects of the  
11 examination for which he or she is making application.

12 SEC. 2. Section 1632 of the Business and Professions Code  
13 is amended to read:

14 1632. (a) *The board shall require each applicant to*  
15 *successfully complete the National Board of Dental Examiners'*  
16 *written examination.*

17 (b) Each applicant shall *be required to give clinical*  
18 *demonstrations of his or her skill in* ~~operative dentistry, prosthetic~~  
19 ~~dentistry, and diagnosis and treatment~~ *restorative and endodontic*  
20 *procedures and assessment and diagnosis in periodontics.* The  
21 applicant shall also give written demonstrations of his or her *skill*  
22 *and judgment in* ~~diagnosis-treatment-planning,~~ prosthetic  
23 ~~dentistry, and endodontics.~~ The examination may include an  
24 examination in California law and ethics.

25 (c) *The board is authorized to contract with a national,*  
26 *regional, or local entity to administer the clinical examination*  
27 *required by subdivision (b) consistent with the requirements of this*  
28 *article.*

29 SEC. 3. Section 1632.5 of the Business and Professions Code  
30 is amended and renumbered to read:

31 ~~1632.5.~~

32 1633. (a) *When an applicant for a license has received a*  
33 *grading of 85 percent or above in any given subject, he or she shall*  
34 *be exempt from reexamination on that subject in subsequent*  
35 *examinations before the board within two years after the*  
36 *examination on which the applicant received the exemption.*

37 (b) ~~Notwithstanding Section 135, on and after January 1, 1993,~~  
38 an applicant who fails to pass the examination required by Section  
39 1632 after three attempts shall not be eligible for further  
40 reexamination until the applicant has successfully completed a

1 minimum of 50 hours of education for each subject which the  
2 applicant failed in the applicant's last unsuccessful examination.  
3 The coursework shall be taken at a dental school approved by  
4 either the Commission on Dental Accreditation or a comparable  
5 organization approved by the board, and shall be completed within  
6 a period of one year from the date of notification of the applicant's  
7 third failure. ~~The~~

8 *(c) The coursework described in subdivision (b) shall be*  
9 *required once for every three unsuccessful examination attempts.*  
10 *When the applicant applies for reexamination, he or she shall*  
11 *furnish proof satisfactory to the board that he or she has*  
12 *successfully completed the requirements of this section.*

13 SEC. 4. Section 1633 of the Business and Professions Code  
14 is repealed.

15 ~~1633. — When an applicant for a license has received a grading~~  
16 ~~of 85 percent or above in any given subject, he or she shall be~~  
17 ~~exempt from reexamination on that subject in subsequent~~  
18 ~~examinations before the board within two years after the~~  
19 ~~examination on which the applicant received the exemption.~~

20 ~~In December 1987, the board shall arrange for an independent,~~  
21 ~~objective evaluation to be performed regarding the dental~~  
22 ~~licensure examination, the costs of which shall be paid for by the~~  
23 ~~board.~~

24 The evaluation report shall be addressed to the Legislature and  
25 shall include at least the following items:

26 ~~(a) A complete description of the board's grading policies and~~  
27 ~~examination scoring procedures used for the years 1984 to 1987,~~  
28 ~~inclusive.~~

29 ~~(b) Using standard methods of test validation, an analysis of the~~  
30 ~~degree to which the new licensure examination, established in~~  
31 ~~1984 by the board, is an improvement over the previous~~  
32 ~~examination used by the board in 1982 and 1983.~~

33 ~~(c) A statistical distribution of the percentage of candidates'~~  
34 ~~scores in the different scoring categories used by the board from~~  
35 ~~1981 to 1987, inclusive, to grade the performance of candidates on~~  
36 ~~the examination.~~

37 ~~(d) A statistical comparison of the final scores and scores for~~  
38 ~~each section of the examination for candidates taking the licensure~~  
39 ~~examination for the years 1981 to 1987, inclusive.~~

1 ~~(c) An analysis of the statistical validity and reliability of the~~  
2 ~~licensure examination, and of the appropriateness of the scoring~~  
3 ~~procedures and grading policies used by the board.~~

4 ~~(f) A statistical analysis of the relationship, if any, between the~~  
5 ~~candidates' final scores and section scores and the candidates' age,~~  
6 ~~sex, ethnicity, and educational background for the years 1981 to~~  
7 ~~1987, inclusive.~~

8 SEC. 5. Section 1633.5 of the Business and Professions Code  
9 is repealed.

10 ~~1633.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,~~  
11 ~~the board shall require each applicant to successfully complete the~~  
12 ~~National Board of Dental Examiners' written examination.~~  
13 ~~Successful passage of the National Board of Dental Examiners'~~  
14 ~~written examination shall satisfy the Section 1632 requirement for~~  
15 ~~a written demonstration of judgment in dental diagnosis and~~  
16 ~~treatment planning.~~

